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SUBJECT: RE: ENGAGING ALLIES AND PARTNERS ON AFGHANISTAN

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1. Post delivered reftel on March 4 to MFA Director of the Americas Department Ilir Melo. Melo confirmed Albania's support for the August 20 date of Afghan elections. He also confirmed that Albania will send a company (around 125 additional troops) to Afghanistan later in the year, as Berisha stated to Secretary Clinton. The GOA will take into considerations other potential contributions listed in reftel.

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